

Saint Mary's

Episcopal Church Barnstable

November-December 2016

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer p. 822

Unlike so many children in the United States, I had the privilege of attending an excellent high school, and I was blessed with the support of parents who valued cross-cultural experiences.¹ Over spring break of my junior year, I traveled with a group to the Soviet Union where we visited historic sites in Moscow and St. Petersburg, and had the chance to meet Russian teenagers and their teachers. This was the era of perestroika and glasnost, of reformation and openness within the Communist party, which would lead to the dissolution of the Soviet Union a mere two years later. The students were very eager to talk with us about living in the United States, and after discussing Duran Duran, U2, and Levi's, a young man asked, "What is it like to vote?" Since none of us were 18, and fairly few of us had memories of going to the polls with our parents, we mumbled and fumbled an answer. The Russian teenagers were aghast that we were so ignorant and seemingly uninterested in voting when a democratic election was one of their greatest dreams. (As an aside, our teacher and chaperones were equally aghast at our response.)

In the United States, we have had the privilege of electing a president and members of our governing bodies for 227 years and take for granted the privilege and obligation of participating in democratic elections. As followers of Jesus, we are called to bring the kingdom of God to earth, where all of God's people and creatures are valued, and it is through our political processes that we have a chance to express our vision of that common good. Many people are angry and

From our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson



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disgusted with the current political system and the upcoming presidential election. Now more than ever it is essential that we vote and participate as full citizens in our democracy, and continue to call our elected officials to a higher level of discourse in expressing their visions of the common good.

Please join us for times of prayer in the days leading up to this election. In the words of Abraham Lincoln (and highlighted in Jim Wallis' book, *On God's Side*), may we all strive to be on God's side through this election and the coming year.

With blessings of hope and love,

Libby +

¹If you would like to work with fellow parishioners to ensure that all children have access to a high quality public education, please contact Lallie Lloyd, Executive Director of All our Children. (lallie.lloyd@gmail.com)

Days of Prayer for Election 2016

Saturday November 5, 2016

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers for our Nation

Sunday November 6, 2016

8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers for our Nation

11:30 am Steve Prothero: Religion and Politics in America with special coffee hour

5:00 pm Evening Prayer

Monday November 7, 2016

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Noonday prayers, brown bag lunch, & discussion of the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural address, FDR's 1st Inaugural address

7:00 pm Sung Compline

Tuesday November 8, 2016

7:00 am Vigil begins and kept until the polls close

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Noonday prayers, brown bag lunch, & discussion of Eisenhower's Farewell Address, and JFK's Inaugural address

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Upcoming Worship Services to Remember:

Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist, October 30, 2016 at 10:00 am

All Souls' Day Requiem Mass, November 2, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Veterans Day Service of Healing, November 11, 2016 at 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist and Meal, November 24, 2016 at 11:00 am

From our Assistant Rector, the Rev. Michael Bousquet



Advent is a season when we expectantly await the coming of Christ into this world. That's a simple statement, but it is not altogether clear what that means. In fact, many parishioners I've encountered over the years tell me that they are confused about how to feel about Advent. What should

'expectant waiting' look like; what sort of disposition should feed 'expectant waiting'?

Part of the problem is that Advent, itself, is oriented in two different directions. On the one hand, Advent is about preparing for Christmastide. In this sense, during Advent we are sharing in a long and ancient tradition of hoping and yearning for the coming of a Messiah. In Advent, we put ourselves in the place of the ancient Israelites, long-suffering and oppressed, who were hoping for a savior. This might resonate with you. In the midst of a season of political rancor, or in the midst of a season of grief, or simply in the midst of a season of holiday shopping and over-stuffed schedules and general busy-ness, many of us might be yearning for relief, for peace, for healing. And so we look to Christ to come – to fill our hearts and lives with His presence.

On the other hand, Advent is also a celebration of the *parousia*, the looking forward to Christ's Second Coming with expectation and eagerness. Jesus continually tells his followers through his parables that the kingdom of God is imminently at hand;

thus, we should remain alert. From the very beginning of the history of the church, Christians have remained attentive in looking for the return of Christ and the ushering in of the full promises of God's kingdom. This, too, might resonate with you. Who among us does not eagerly look for new life or for any spark of new light, especially in the coldness and darkness of wintertime? Who among us is not filled with energy and excitement about a new creation – for ourselves and for our world?

So what does Advent mean to you: longing and yearning for peace and healing or eagerness and energy about newness and light? Or do you perceive both of these dispositions?

This year, I will lead a group discussion and offer Advent reflections on these themes. Starting on **Sunday, November 27th**, I will hold an Adult Forum after the 10am service on preparing ourselves for Advent. And on the next three **Sundays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th**, I will lead a small group discussion at the 9:00 am hour, just prior to the 10am service, to continue the Advent reflections. All are welcome!

Michael +

WORSHIP & MUSIC

"Blending Our Worship Music: Going Forward Into The Past"

From a blog entitled (coincidentally) "St. Mary's Organist":

"Can't we have some new hymns? Ones that we all know?"

"What do you mean, Mrs. Forthright?"

"Well...I know we had a new one last week - but nobody knew it."

"New? But it was written in 1545!"

"Well, I didn't know it..."

"It is rather difficult finding new ones that people already know...."

And so it goes. As we've been moving forward with incorporating a variety of musical styles in our worship services, I've been asked to provide some information in my weekly "Notes on Today's Music" spot in the service leaflet. Since space is extremely limited in the bulletin, I thought I'd incorporate those notes in a series of articles as we establish and develop a contemporary repertoire. So, why do I say "going forward into the past"? Because, so far, the newest tune we've learned was written almost ten years ago, with most songs written in the 80s and 90s!

Of the most recent composers, Keith Getty (b. 1974) and his wife Kristyn Getty (b. 1980) are known for their pioneering work as modern hymn writers. As a native of Northern Ireland and classically-trained, Keith studied at Durham University and has worked as a producer and orchestrator; Kristyn studied English literature at Queen's University of Belfast. In crossing genres by blending sound theology, traditional lyrics, and contemporary melodies, the

Gettys have created an impressive catalogue of hymns ("Beneath the Cross of Jesus"; "Speak, O Lord"; "Behold the Lamb" ...all sung at St. Mary's over the past few months). In the UK, their hymn "In Christ alone" has been consistently ranked the most frequently sung hymn since 2006, and the British Hymn Society named it one of the top five hymns of all time. Their writing style is firmly rooted in the traditions of Celtic and English hymnody.

The Gettys tour internationally, performing in village churches and large concert venues such as Royal Albert Hall and Carnegie Hall, and have appeared on CBS Sunday Morning. Many of their performances and recordings can

be found on YouTube. Frequently, Keith gives talks on worship with local pastors and worship leaders. When not touring, the Gettys currently reside in Nashville, Tennessee, with their three daughters.

Next month: Graham Andrew Kendrick

*Douglas Keilitz
Director of Music Ministries & Organist*



Composers Keith & Kristyn Getty

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

A Time for Gratitude - UTO Collection

We are blessed with an incredible natural playground on Cape Cod and yet we have a fairly short time period in which to play. This combination compels us to maximize every minute of every day in the summer, frantically maxing out our days. A Cape Cod summer can feel a bit like a meteor shooting across the sky, a brilliant blaze of light that is so quick, if you don't look you may miss it. As autumn creeps in we can feel this frenetic energy of summertime begin to ebb and sometimes we find ourselves strangely relieved at the change of pace. For a little while, there is this blissful period of Indian summer splendor and languid afternoons with long golden light, but it is fleeting. As we are approaching the end of October, the sun is setting a bit earlier each day, the last brilliant leaves are blowing off, leaving branches naked to the winter winds. It seems as if the entire world feels a rebounding energy, a palpable sense of urgency. We need to get ready. We need to prepare.

Sometimes this urgency is energizing -- inspiring us to bursts of industrious behavior. We tackle those ignored projects (thank you, rummage sale) and make our nests cozy and secure. Sometimes this urgency feels like a warning bell announcing that we are entering into a season of scarcity. We see the morning frosts creeping across the marsh grass and are acutely aware there is suddenly not quite enough light or warmth in our days. As we all begin to move our lives indoors it is a perfect time to begin an intentional practice of pausing and reflecting on all the blessings in our lives.

This does not need to be a season of scarcity at all, but rather the beginning of a wonderful season of gratitude. This is a time to celebrate all the wonderful memories we gathered over the summer months. It is time to gather our loved ones, huddle around fires, sip hot cider and give thanks. This November and December I am inviting all of you to enter into this season with full hearts and join us in a parish wide daily gratitude practice of donating in a United Thank Offering (UTO) box.

Many of you grew up with the blue UTO boxes on your kitchen tables and need no explanation for what it is all about. Regardless of your familiarity with the UTO, you may not realize the remarkable history behind the

organization. Throughout the 19th century, Episcopal women organized, promoted and funded much of the missionary work of the Episcopal Church, as well as a substantial portion of the overall church budget, all through the UTO. During this same time period women continued to be excluded from positions of authority and decision-making in the broader church. The mission of the United Thank Offering has remained the same since its founding - to encourage people to engage in a daily practice of gratitude in which they recognize their blessings and then make a thank offering into their blue boxes, with all proceeds going to support mission and ministry around the world. The Women's Auxiliary that gave birth to the UTO was clearly ahead of its time in many ways, not the least of which was this concept of intentional gratitude as a daily practice in our lives.



In our modern, hectic, and noisy world it is a real challenge to find stillness. Today there is a lot of talk about the importance of increasing gratitude in our lives. There is an actual "Science of Gratitude." Medical doctors are discovering that our brain chemistry and overall health and well-being are dramatically affected by our ability to

increase gratitude in our lives. The little UTO boxes represent a simple opportunity for us to take a moment or two out of our busy days to pause and pay attention, to be mindful, to witness and to acknowledge that feeling of gratitude. This little moment in your day is a form of prayer and a moment when you can come closer to God.

We will distribute the UTO boxes on the first weekend in November and will have our Ingathering during Epiphany when we all want to bring gifts to God. Consider taking several boxes and put one near that messy counter where you empty your pockets every day. Keep another one in the car. Put one on the dinner table. Keep one on your desk at work. It is my hope that the UTO Boxes will help us all develop a daily practice of gratitude where we approach life moment by moment and grow closer to our God throughout the Advent Season.

*Allison Bresette
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries*

OUTREACH & MINISTRY SUPPORT

The St. Mary's Veterans' Day Service of Remembrance and Healing will be held at 9am on Fri, Nov 11th.

We invite all to attend, but especially our Veterans and their families. The Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson will be presiding and Douglas Keilitz will provide the music. Patriotic hymns and songs will fill the service as well as prayers for healing.

Thank You, Rummage Sale Team!

The generous outpouring of donations and volunteer hours has been staggering once again! Joy Hambly's enthusiasm gathered together a team of co-chairs and dozens of volunteers who sorted, priced, and worked the sale. We grossed over \$7,150. The entire parish is grateful for your spirit of generosity!



Outreach & Ministry Support continued

Thanksgiving & Living Generously

Thanksgiving Baskets for Cape

Codders was a huge success last year thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our generous parishioners. We are embarking on our 7th year of participating in this important community project.

If you would like to create a "Turkey basket" (it's really a cardboard box) with a turkey and all the fixings, it will feed a family. Please help us make sure that everyone on Cape Cod has a nutritious and filling Thanksgiving dinner. This is done in collaboration with local Community Action Committee.

Sign up by calling Judy Scarafile at 508-362-3036 or emailing JudyScarafile@Gmail.com.



Here are the ways you can help a local family:

_____ Option 1: Fill a box with all the fixings and a frozen turkey (15-25 lb)

_____ Option 2: Fill a box with all the fixings and a \$25 gift card from a local supermarket

_____ Option 3: Fill a box with only the fixings

ALL THE FIXINGS INCLUDE:

- One 5 lb. bag potatoes or 1 box instant potatoes
- One 1 lb. bag carrots
- Two lbs. of onions
- One bunch of celery
- One butternut squash
- 1 can green beans
- 1 can peas
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 1 box seasoned stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce

Baskets must be delivered to St. Mary's on Saturday, November 19, 9:00 am-noon or Sunday, November 20, 9:00 -11:30 am.

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

All are welcome!

Join with others of the St. Mary's Church Family to share a Thanksgiving Feast! We begin with a simple Eucharist in the church at 11:00 am, followed by appetizers, and dinner at around 1:00 pm. Bring a friend.

We hope you will join us to make this a truly memorable Thanksgiving. We provide the basics: turkey and potatoes. You are asked to provide a side dish, dessert or make a donation to cover costs. Please sign up in the Sunroom with what you will bring.

Episcopal bears are back!

Those adorable blue and white bears are back just in time for Christmas. The cost is just \$10! All the proceeds go to the Rosebud Lakota Reservation. Last spring we raised \$890! Order your bear by emailing PeterScarafile@gmail.com. To insure delivery by Christmas, all orders should be in by Dec 1.

Living Generously

Our Stewardship Campaign, Living Generously, continues throughout the end of the year. As we have discerned how we can live more generously as individuals and as a community of faith, we are looking how we can be open to new ideas, be welcoming of the stranger, to volunteer more, and to be more forgiving.

Please be intentional as you fill out your pledge card. And, as you may have noticed, this year's pledge cards have a place for you to reflect on how you can steward our gifts of time and talent, as well as treasure, for the ministry of the church. Please note on the back of the card what ministries at St. Mary's you are interested in. Our ingathering Sunday, when we invite you all to bring your pledge cards to St. Mary's, is Sunday, November 20.

Thank you!

Hilary Greene
Stewardship Chair

November is here and Holly Fair Prep is on!

Our Silent Auction is looking for 100 treasures, services, special somethings you have loved but now will be happy to "gift" away. Collection days, Church Sunroom:

November 9-11,
Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10:00-2:00

November 16-18,
Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10:00-2:00

Two Sundays before the Fair (Nov. 20 & 27), items will be on display in the Parish Hall and ready for early bids. Come after services, look, and choose!

Questions? Joy Hambly 508-776-7230; Helen Hinckley 508-362-9821; Maureen Tempesta 508-428-4426.

Our Handmades Room: To those who knit, stitch, generally create, please make a final November push--- time to gather your offerings for our Handmades Room. Meri Colbert 508-332-2995.

Our Country Kitchen: Food, food, glorious food... Get out your recipes, and get ready to make and bake (some gluten free!) for our Country Kitchen. We are all hoping for great enthusiasm on the part of many, many parishioners to show their skills and love, baked into all our offerings. Contact: Bonnie Phelps 508-362-5921 and Judy O'Brien 917-208-6208.

Jewelry Room. Sort through YOUR jewelry, bring your donations to the Church Office, then come to the Fair and re-stock! Ruthanne Allen 508-362-7657.

Holly Gatherers needed. Explore, find with permission (!), trim holly (this is their trimming season), then help bag Friday morning, December

2,..... but initially, contact Jamie to coordinate this staple of our Fair. Jamie Hunsaker 508-362-3564.

Wreath and Boxwood Tree Decorating will begin 1:00-3:00 pm Sat., Nov. 26, and continue Mon. through Thurs., Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Cleanup Fri. morning, Dec. 2.

Creation Central --- Church Library. Please come! Helpers needed. We plan to trim 36 fresh wreaths, create fresh greens arrangements, make and trim Boxwood "Trees"..... Boxwood helpers contact Marge Mansur 508-362-8991. Others contact Christy Saling 508-775-0583.

Attic Treasures could include collectibles, nice things you simply no longer want, basically what might end up in your attic. Instead, save for this always-fun-to-explore room. Contact: Leezie Magruder 508-362-3373.

Our St. Mary's Youth Group will be selling nice items from "our" Rosebud Indian Reservation, Swedish apple pies made by our Youth, and MORE. Support them! Contact: Ann German 508-428-3749.

Children's Buying Room: Questions to Caty McMahon 508-362-7196 to see how you can help with supplying items suitable for children to buy for their moms, dads, brothers, sisters.

Our Famed Luncheon: Janis has the gourmet skills but she needs many kitchen helpers, before, during, and cleaning up. Contact her: Janis Umschlag 508-364-0722.

Muscle Help Needed: Courtyard Fair Rooms workers need muscle help setting up tables, moving existing furniture, and, after the Fair, taking down, putting rooms back as they were. Contact: Matt Bresette 508-280-5729.

Parking Coordinating: Dave Knauer 203-858-8042. Holly Fair workers: please park off-site.

General questions or offerings? Contact Helen Prothero mom@prothero.org, 508-744-7261



EVERYONE, JOIN IN!

**BE PART OF THE
HOLLY FAIR 2016!
DEC. 3, 9AM - 2PM**

**DONATE, HELP,
COME, EAT AND BUY!**

**YOUR EFFORTS CONVERT TO
ST. MARY'S MINISTRIES!!!!**

INREACH & CARE

Stress, Depression and The Holidays: Tips for Coping

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

1. Acknowledge your feelings. If someone close to you has recently died or you cannot be with loved ones, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.



2. Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious, or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

3. Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children can't come to your house, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails or videos.

4. Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

5. Stick to a budget. Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Try these alternatives:

- Donate to a charity in someone's name.
- Give homemade gifts.
- Start a family gift exchange.

6. Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup.

7. Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity. If it's not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the lost time.

8. Don't abandon healthy habits. Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt. Try these suggestions:

- Have a healthy snack before holiday parties so that you don't go overboard on sweets, cheese or drinks.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Incorporate regular physical activity into each day.

9. Take a breather. Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing, and restoring inner calm. Some options may include:

- Taking a walk at night and stargazing.
- Listening to soothing music.
- Getting a massage.
- Reading a book.

10. Seek professional help if you need it. Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

*From the Mayo clinic,
Presented by your Pastoral Care Team*

InReach & Care continued

Dear friends,

With a heart full of gratitude I write to inform you that I am retiring from my position as Parish Administrator at the end of 2016. While the time we have shared was short, I have been deeply touched and find myself extremely grateful to you all. It has been my privilege to minister with caring and loving co-workers and parish family members. It has been my great honor to journey alongside you as we cried, laughed, pondered, worshiped, and celebrated lives well-lived.

Lest you dare think you are rid of me, once Sue and I have been away for a short respite, I look forward to joining you again at St. Mary's, worshipping alongside you.

*Fondly,
Frankie Stahlhut*

Lenten Retreat, 2017

Dear Friends,

With Libby and Michael's encouragement, I have been able to "wrangle" a Lenten retreat for Saint Mary's parishioners at The Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA. I use the word "wrangle" simply because, in the midst of so many demands and the pace of our 21st Century lives, these retreat spaces are in enormous demand. Arriving on late afternoon **Friday, March 3** and departing after lunch on **Sunday March 5**, our time together will offer the extravagant and often life-changing opportunity to simply pause and nurture our souls.

The retreat offers silence, solitude, the remarkable architecture of the monastery, fine worship, thoughtful preaching, reading, superb cuisine, naps, walks along the banks of the Charles River, the company of our fellow parishioners, the warm hospitality of the Brothers, and other powerful ingredients. Peggy and I can attest to the enormous value of this ancient practice.

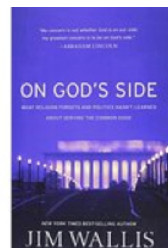
If you have an interest in joining the twelve to fourteen persons who will compose this group or if you are just curious, please contact me by (email) mark.s.anschutz@gmail.com or phone 508-398-3488.

Warmly, your friend,
Mark Anschutz

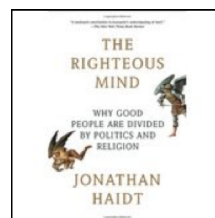
A Note From the Library

The St. Mary's library is small but has a lot to offer. Books are available to check out on the honor system. Feel free to take anything that interests you. When you're done with a book, please place it in the library mailbox by the church offices. Questions or suggestions? Contact Kate Dunigan-Atlee at kdunigan.atlee@gmail.com

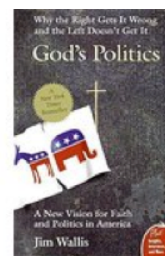
Has this election season got you thinking about faith and politics? If it has, check out one of these new books in our library.



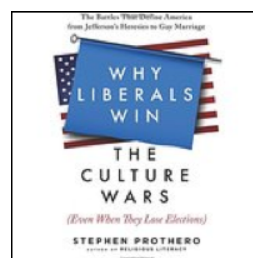
On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned About Serving the Common Good by Jim Wallis.



The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt



God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It, A New Vision for Faith and Politics in America by Jim Wallis



Why Liberals Win the Culture Wars (Even When They Lose Elections): The Battles That Define America From Jefferson's Heresies to Gay Marriage by Stephen Prothero

InReach & Care continued

Frankie's Retirement

While I knew the day would come to celebrate Frankie's ministry among us, I was hoping that she would retire when she turned 85! I know you share my gratitude for Frankie's loving care for the administrative aspects of our parish, and the relationships she has built with so many parishioners. In the coming month, we will begin collecting a purse for Frankie and will celebrate her over the weekend of January 7-8, 2017. Frankie very graciously helped me prepare the job description for her successor, and I have already begun that search process. If you know anyone who may be interested in the position, please have them contact me.

With hope and gratitude,
Libby+

Senior Sages Nov/Dec (combined)

December 9, 12:00-1:30 pm: Hilary Greene and Libby Gibson: Advent Reflections from the Holy Land (*replaces November 25, which would be the day after Thanksgiving*)

Bring your lunch and a friend, and come for a time of fellowship and fun as we relax and learn from each other. If you have a passion or experience that you would like to share with the group, please contact Libby Gibson (rector@stmarys-church.org).

November-December Birthdays

Nov 2	Max Dalrymple	Nov 21	Richard Hawkins	Dec 12	Ran Chase, Jr
Nov 2	Anne Hazard	Nov 21	Judy Knauer	Dec 12	Sue Jilson
Nov 2	Carol Lummus	Nov 21	Sue Davy	Dec 14	Warner James, III
Nov 2	Sam Fedele	Nov 21	Pat Sherlock	Dec 15	Benjamin LaPine
Nov 3	Joyce Shinn	Nov 22	Emerson Markham	Dec 15	Sonia Osborne
Nov 4	Thomas Fahey	Nov 22	Richard Osborne	Dec 15	Schuyler McMahon
Nov 4	Peggy Crampton	Nov 22	Luke Machnik	Dec 16	Fr. Allen
Nov 5	Suzanne Hutton	Nov 23	Carol Bolstad	Dec 17	Newell Bearse
Nov 6	Happy Gray	Nov 24	John Harper	Dec 18	Pat Bergfors
Nov 7	Jan Hendrickson	Nov 25	Marge Buswell	Dec 20	Michael Fedele
Nov 9	Ellie Gouger	Nov 25	Cara Scichilone	Dec 23	Mary Harbaugh
Nov 9	Kay Outwin	Nov 26	Tara Machnik	Dec 23	Thomas Bresette
Nov 9	Judy O'Brien	Nov 27	Charlie Spencer	Dec 23	John Bresette
Nov 10	Will Jones	Nov 29	Lydia Stanney	Dec 26	Leslyn Thorne
Nov 11	Margaret Sullivan	Dec 1	Sarah Greene	Dec 27	David Leary
Nov 12	Brenna Mullin	Dec 1	Georgann Ramage	Dec 28	Barbara Brown
Nov 12	Tori Kyle	Dec 2	Caryl Steward	Dec 28	Walter Gadkowski
Nov 12	Lee Hunsaker	Dec 2	Girard Brisbois	Dec 28	Betsy Syrovoy
Nov 13	Sallie Irwin	Dec 3	Nancy Barnes	Dec 28	Steven Oney
Nov 13	Taylor Crowe	Dec 4	Liz Lewis	Dec 29	David Aittaniemi
Nov 13	Jenni Lennon	Dec 5	Heather Warner	Dec 29	Liz Mumford
Nov 13	Vivian Stanney	Dec 6	Mary Beth Condon	Dec 30	Patrick Tyrrell
Nov 14	Isabelle Bresette	Dec 7	Dot Pettibone	Dec 31	Janet Davis
Nov 18	Amy McCarron	Dec 9	Sophie Machnik		
Nov 21	Matthew Miller	Dec 11	Chris Colbert		



Is your name missing from the Birthday List? Please call the office with your birth-date so it doesn't happen again!



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Christmas Services 2016

December 16-23, 2016 at 4:00 pm

The "O" **Antiphons** refer to different names given to Christ in Scripture, including O Sapientia (*O Wisdom*), O Adonai (*O Lord*), O Radix Jesse (*O Root of Jesse*), O Clavis David (*O Key of David*), O Oriens (*O Dayspring*), O Rex Gentium (*O King of the Nations*), and O Emmanuel (*O With Us Is God*). Join Douglas Keilitz and the clergy as they share this special Advent offering.

The "O" Antiphons Vespers services

December 18, 2016 at 10:00 am

Advent Lessons & Carols and Eucharist

December 24, 2016 at 12:30 pm

This service is open to everyone, but is particularly intended to service older members of the parish and those who have difficulty driving in the evening.

First Christmas Eucharist

December 24, 2016 at 4:00 pm

Bring friends and family to this special celebration of the Feast of the Nativity. The Christmas Story comes alive for us all through the hearts and spirits of our children.

Christmas Pageant and Eucharist

December 24, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Come early (7:30) to sing Christmas carols and hear beautiful offerings by our choir. We conclude the liturgy by singing "Silent Night" in candlelight.

Festival Choral Eucharist

December 24, 2016 at 11:00 pm

Come early (10:30) to sing Christmas carols. We conclude the liturgy by singing "Silent Night" in candlelight.

Contemplative Eucharist with Carols

December 25, 2016 at 11:00 am

Christmas Day Eucharist with Music